



Learn About Iowa's Presidential Past

Amid all the sound and fury about the upcoming election, it can be useful to remember that America has survived contentious elections before and, with any luck, we'll do it again.

Learn more about Iowa's role in this uniquely American tradition through several excellent resources from the State Historical Society of Iowa:

Iowa History 101: Iowa and the Presidency

Join State Curator Leo Landis for a lunch hour webinar at noon Thursday, Sept. 24, to learn more about President Herbert Hoover and some of Iowa's presidential contenders, from James B. Weaver to Henry A. Wallace to Tom Vilsack.



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Featured Tour: Iowa's Presidential Past

Download the free Iowa Culture mobile app to explore nearly two dozen landmarks from Iowa's presidential past, including the tiny West Branch cabin (pictured) where Hoover grew up, the Harlan-Lincoln House in Mount Pleasant, the Mamie Doud Eisenhower House in Boone and more. This special tour, curated from more than 3,500 sites on the app, will be available through the November election.

First in the Nation

This popular exhibition at the State Historical Museum of Iowa traces the quiet origins and surprising evolution of Iowa's first-in-the-nation caucuses, with more than 100 artifacts back to 1836.



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Online Catalog

Why not rummage through the State Historical Society of Iowa's vast and marvelously organized online catalog? The search term "campaign," for example, yields 7,178 results. You just never know what you might discover.

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IOWA HISTORY 101 SERIES

Iowa History 101: Back in Session

The online presentation about Iowa and the Presidency, noted above, is just part of the Iowa History 101 lineup for the fall. Tune in for free to any of the following live, noon-hour talks – or watch a recording from the growing collection of past events.

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Sept. 24

Iowans & the Presidency
State Curator Leo Landis

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Oct. 8

Buxton, Iowa: The Black Utopia
Author Rachelle Chase

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Oct. 22

Glendale Cemetery, Des Moines
Historian Kate Levasseur

[Register here](#)

Nov. 12

Iowa & the Great War

State Curator Leo Landis

[Register here](#)

Dec. 10

Winter Holidays

State Curator Leo Landis

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National History Day in Iowa

Thousands of Iowa middle and high school students will dig into history and share their research during National History Day competitions across the state this year, when the national theme is “Communication in History: The Key to Understanding.” Want to learn more? Sign up for email updates and check out the online videos with insider tips.



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National Trust Preservation Fund Grant

You can boost your efforts to save historic places in your community with a grant from the National Trust Preservation Fund. The grants range from \$2,500 to \$5,000 to support preservation planning and educational projects. Apply by Oct. 1.

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PastForward Diversity Scholarships

The National Trust of Historic Preservation plans to introduce new leaders to the historic preservation community at a virtual conference called PastForward Online 2020, set for Oct. 27-30. To help, the organizers are offering diversity scholarships to support conference participation that reflects the diverse nature of America. Scholars and mentors should apply by Sept. 16.

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Programs & Events

Through Nov. 9: [Featured Tour: Iowa's Presidential Past](#)

Through Nov. 23: [Featured Tour: Grant Wood Scenic Byway](#)
Through Nov. 23: [Featured Tour: Loess Hills National Scenic Byway](#)
Through Dec. 31: [Featured Tour: 20 Artists, 20 Parks](#)
Sept. 24: [Iowa History 101: Iowans and the Presidency](#)
Oct. 3: [History Mystery: Live from the Museum Vault](#)
Oct. 8: [Iowa History 101: Buxton, Iowa: The Black Utopia](#)
Oct. 9: [State National Register Nomination Review Committee Meeting](#)
Oct. 22: [Iowa History 101: Glendale Cemetery, Des Moines](#)
Nov. 7: [History Mystery: Live from the Museum Vault](#)
Nov. 12: [Iowa History 101: Iowa and the Great War](#)
Dec. 5: [History Mystery: Live from the Museum Vault](#)
Dec. 10: [Iowa History 101: Winter Holidays](#)

Please check our online calendar for more events and opportunities across the state.

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